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SUBJECT: SOVIET SUGGESTION ON NON-PROLIFERATION CONSULTATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING CLOSE OF THE PNE NEGOTIATING SESSION FEBRUARY 18, MOROKHOV APPROACHED ME AND AGAIN RAISED THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS ON NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS WHICH TIMBERBAYEV HAD FIRST SUGGESTED IN DECEMBER (FIRST REF). MOROKHOV EXPLAINED THAT WHILE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE NATURE HE WOULD BE CARRYING ON WITH AMBASSADOR TAPE IN VIENNA DURING THE UPCOMING BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ARE USEFUL, A "MORE STRUCTURED" FORMAT WOULD BE BETTER. HE ASKED THAT I AGAIN PASS THIS PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT. MOROKHOV DID NOT MENTION, AS DID TIMERBAYEV IN OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION, THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING A THIRD PARTICIPANT, EITHER THE U.K. OR CANADA, IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

2. FOR USMISSION IAEA. TIMERBAYEV'S SUGGESTION REPORTED FIRST REF (NOT SENT TO YOU) WAS THAT "REGULAR CONSULTATIONS" ON NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS BE HELD IN MOSCOW OR WASHINGTON ON A ROTATING BASIS. HE SUGGESTED THEY BE HELD ANNUALLY, BUT SAID QUESTION OF FREQUENCY COULD BE DISCUSSED. HE ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF THIRD PARTICIPANT, AS NOTED ABOVE.

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